

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	17852	Agenda Number	39.
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Meeting Date:	August 23, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Approve ratification of a 6-month requirements service contract with SENTRY SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIONS LP, (MBE /MH), to provide unarmed security guard and patrol services at seven locations within the Austin Water Utility for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$520,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

Purchasing Language:	Emergency Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Stephen T. Aden, Purchasing Manager/972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Water and & Wastewater Commission on August 8, 2012.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This was an emergency service contract; therefore it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

In September 2011, the services provided by the current contractor Sentry Security and Investigations LP of Austin, Texas were significantly increased at the request of Austin Water Utility (AWU). These services consisted of adding security guards to all of the AWU's treatment plants for nighttime hours during the business week and 24-hour security on the weekends. The security enhancements at the plants were implemented to comply with Homeland Security Initiatives including the National Strategy for the physical protection of critical infrastructure and key assets, and industry best practices as outlined in the American Water Works Association's Guidelines for the Physical Security of Water Utilities.

Due to the increased services provided by the contractor, the original contract funding has been fully expended. AWU and the purchasing Office are currently working together to rebid the contract for the full service requirements, including Waller Creek Center, service centers and the treatment plant.

It is imperative that these security services continue uninterrupted while services were being rebid. The health and safety of the citizens of Austin is dependent on secure water treatment facilities to deliver water to its customers. This contract was necessary in achieving the health and safety goals of the Austin Water Utility.